

OCTOBER 25, 2006

The North Providence School Committee met on October 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Dr. Pallotta, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio, and Mr. Iannetta. Mr. Gerardi and Mr. Milazzo were present for a portion of the executive session. Mr. Lynch and Ms. Celona were present for the regular session only.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Contracts, Personnel Issues, Transportation, and School Construction and Acquisitions.

The meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m. It began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Marciano asked for a moment of silence.

The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report. First was the Affirmative Action Plan. Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Mr. Gerardi. Mr. Gerardi recommended that the Committee accept the Plan in accordance with Federal and State Law. He added that the Plan will be posted in all the school buildings.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to accept the Affirmative Action Plan as submitted.

Next was the Home Schooling Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request by Dominic D'Antunono for Seth D'Antunono (Grade 6) effective until December 20, 2006.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Home Schooling Request as submitted. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

Next was Field Trip Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as presented.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted.

Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the October 25, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the October 25, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.

Chairman Marciano requested that the School Security Review be placed on the Agenda. Superintendent Ottaviano passed out a memo regarding this. She added that a meeting is scheduled with the Chief of Police to discuss the areas of concern. Mr. Martinelli asked if the meeting was open to members of the Committee. Superintendent Ottaviano stated that the principals and administration had a meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the Chief of Police is at 10:30 a.m. and members of the Committee were welcome. Mr. Cataldi spoke about the front entrance at the High School. Once a person is buzzed, they can go anywhere. He felt that this needs to be tightened up. He also spoke about Mr. Wilkes' idea of putting cameras on the Town property. Chairman Marciano added that it is his understanding that there may be some grant money through Homeland Security. He asked Mr. Goho if he had anything to add. Mr. Goho added that they are always talking about ways to do things better.

Next was the Transportation Contract. Chairman Marciano suggested holding this until it can be discussed by the Committee. Mr. Cataldi felt that he would like to act on this by the end of the meeting. He asked that discussion take place in Executive Session and then a vote be taken in Regular Session.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Requests to Address the Committee. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business.

First was Approval of Bids. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Food Service Program for a one year renewal to Aramark.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to award the bid for the Food Service Program for a one year renewal to Aramark.

Next was the School Physician. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Bid for a School Physician be awarded to Dr. Anthony J. Alario as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to award the bid for School Physician to Dr. Anthony J. Alario.

Mr. Cataldi asked where Dr. Alario was located. Superintendent Ottaviano stated that he is located at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Request by Elizabeth Daniels – Teacher Assistance for Unpaid Leave Effective January 22, 2007 through April 27, 2007.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to

approve the Leave of Absence Request as submitted.

Next was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignations, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Resignation of Barbara Fox – Science Olympiad Coach – Birchwood Middle School Effective October 26, 2006; Ian Hillman – Assistant Detention Officer – Ricci Middle School Effective October 16, 2006; and Maria Paglia Marasco – High School Yearbook Advisor – Effective October 1, 2006.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the appointments, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointment of John Ciolfi – Assistant High School Cheerleader/Majorette Advisor Effective October 26, 2006; Ryan Shean – Assistant Detention Officer – Ricci Middle School Effective October 26, 2006; and Frank DeSimone – Ricci Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach Effective October 26, 2006.

Next was Employee Termination. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Employee Termination outlined in the School Committee packets be terminated based on the fact that he failed to

respond to communications and that written documentation requested has not been provided.

Next was Old Business. Mrs. Reall asked about the \$7,000.00 that was credited to the School Department. Mrs. Celona explained that it represented the profit from the Lunch Program and it is the School Department's decision as to how it is spent.

Next was New Business. First was Use of Property Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the October 25, 2006 School Committee Packets.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as presented.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N.

Providence School Department List of Accruals dated October 25, 2006 in the amount of \$50,138.05 and the North Providence School Department List of Bills dated October 25, 2006 in the amount of \$1,118,721.24 be approved with regret and paid.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the

October 25, 2006 North Providence School Department List Accruals and the October 25, 2006 List of Bills be approved with regret and paid.

Next was Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried that the Minutes of the September 27, 2006 Executive Session be approved as presented and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L 42-46-4 and 42-46-5.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the September 27, 2006 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Pending Business. There being none,

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to recess the Regular session and go back into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall and carried to reconvene the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve 1.5% to be given to New England Bus Company.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilkes